

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above application in view of the above amendments and the below remarks is requested.

In the above amendment, claims 8, 9, 14, 16, and 17 have been amended. Claim 14 is shown as being amended in that when the preliminary amendment was filed with applicants' entry into the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371, applicants indicated claim 14 as "original" but then had also shown an amendment in the claim. Claim 14 is now shown as being amended with the same amendment as used in the preliminary amendment. Claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 have been amended to further define the invention.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office allowed claims 1 to 7, 10 to 15, and 18 to 20. Applicants note that there are only 19 claims in the application (a typographical error of 20 claims being noted on the transmittal form when entering the National Stage).

Also in the Office Action, the Patent Office rejected claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

With the above amendments, applicants submit that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed and that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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